

Dear Linda Hunt,

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Sorry that I appear to be an ingrate! I did write you and my letter was returned. I'll ask Jim Lesar, to whom I need to write anyway, to forward it and this to you.

He or Reyes had sent me some of your Posner notes I'd mislaid. I did not know they were your notes until Jim told me before Xmas, as he was about to leave. Because I've the draft of a book on Posner done, too rapidly, going over what I got after I completed the draft I came to them.

I have the suspicion that Posner, who has given other ^{d/}inconsistent reasons for not proceeding with the CANDLES case, may have used it as the means of financing what he had in mind all along could make his Mengele book. It was when I asked Jim if he had any means of asking Berkowitz or any of the others that he identified those notes and the attached printouts as coming from you.

I used what I'd obtained by other means about Posner's untrue reasons for not proceeding with that case and I'll add to it from these printouts.

If you have any way of asking any of those people if they financed Posner's work and travels it would be very helpful and much appreciated.

He is a real shyster, from his own publisher's definition, and a gifted con man. He and Trisha sure did gull us! My wife liked them so much she invited them to Thanksgiving dinner, when they were here in February, 1992. They accepted, apparently enthusiastically, and then neither came nor told her they would not. He also lied to me about the book he planned.

The thrust of my ^gork is that in that time of great stress and since then all the institutions of our society failed and continue to fail. In this sense I use Posner, his book and Random House as symbols in the book. I'd titled it Hoax, with a descriptive subtitle, but the friend who will be copublisher prefers Case Opened. I've agreed and he will do the editing. He is also doing that with my NEVER AGAIN! due in September. You can see what my typing is. It cannot be any better. I'm 80, unwell, and limited in what I can do. Now I'm preparing inserts for when I get the retyped draft. He is having it retyped in New York.

I believe that Case Closed is the most conscientiously dishonest book I've read. And I think I've taken it and him apart completely enough. To the point there is much I just did not go into. It is also basically skilled literary thievery, as I do document. But ^{while there} ~~while there~~ is much that I did not go into, mistakes and the like, too, because he remains substantially a subject-matter ignoramus, I do want to improve what I do have as much as I can. Thus, if it is true, his using those victims to finance a book ^{he} ~~she~~ could not otherwise finance, that would add a dimension.

If you have learned any more about him, I'd sure appreciate having that. I have no access to any retrieval systems. Many thanks and best wishes, Harold Weisberg

Harold Weisberg

On reading the printouts I note that Posner's clients do not believe that Mengele is dead. This does seem to confirm my suspicion a bit, that he used the case to finance the book he anticipated. It says there were 30 in the gro^up for which he took the case.

The story also says that on the supposed case Posner went to 11 nations.

I find it not easy to believe that even if he had no debts from his education with what he could have earned working for two years on discovery, which does not even require a law degree, he could have lived and travelled as he did. His father works for a union. No family wealth.

The printouts you sent Jim refer to a National Law^Journal earlier article, on his dropping the case, of 11/15/85. Can you get that without too much trouble? If you can, many thanks.